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SCHEME TO PREVENTING FAMINE CONDITION
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have formulated a long term schemeto avoid frequent famine conditions;

(b) if so, the details thereof;and

(c) the funds allocated for this scheme and the details of the programmes being run thereunder?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHRIPAD Y. NAIK)

(a) to (c) There is adequate availability of foodgrains in the country and no report on famine conditions have been received. Foodgrains at Below Poverty Line (BPL) rates havebeen allocated to Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Orissa and Rajasthan for distribution in the drought affected areas. In addition, about 15 lakh MTs. of foodgrains have been allocated to the drought affected States free of cost under Food for Work Programme.